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(II)

(57) Abstract: A polypeptide derivable from human NESP55 wherein the said polypeptide is derivable, or predicted from the amino acid sequence of human NESP55 to be derivable, by endoproteolytic cleavage of a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence (I) or (II) (human NESP55) or of a variant thereof, wherein the polypeptide variant has an amino acid sequence which has at least 90 % identity with the amino acid sequence given above. NESP55 or fragments thereof may be useful in medicine for the treatment of obesity.

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The interacting polypeptides, nucleic acid encoding therefore and antagonists of claims 23 to 28, compounds identified by the method of claims 29 or 30, the compounds of claims 40 to 42 and compound identified by the method of claim 44 or 45, and methods 49 to 51 and use claim 52 as far as they relate to the compound of claim 47, are insufficiently characterized, comprising no technical features of the products per se, consequently a complete and meaningful search is not possible.

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